

**Imaam Abu Khaithama
Zuhayr bin Harb An-Nasaa'ee**

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**From Imaam Al-Albaanee's verification/checking of Abu Khaithamah's
treatise "Kitaab-ul-'Ilm":¹**

He was Abu Khaithama Zuhayr bin Harb bin Shadaad an-Nasaa'ee.² He was a great Haafidh, reliable in narration and firm in memory.

He narrated hadeeth from many scholars, the likes of Sufyaan bin 'Uyainah, Hushaim bin Basheer, Yahyaa bin Sa'eed al-Qattaan, 'Abd-ur-Rahmaan bin Mahdee, Wakee' and many others.

Similarly, many scholars narrated from him, such as Al-Bukhaaree and Muslim, the latter of whom reported so many hadeeth on his authority, that they number past a thousand.³

The scholars agree unanimously upon his reliability and trustworthiness (in the field of hadeeth).

Ibn Hibbaan (*rahimahullaah*) said of him: "He was precise and accurate in memory - from the peers of Ahmad and Yahyaa bin Ma'een."

Al-Khateeb Al-Baghdaadee (*rahimahullaah*) said in his *Taareekh Baghdaad* (8/482): "He was reliable, trustworthy, possessed good memory and was precise."

He was born in the year 160H and died in the year 234H, may Allaah have mercy on him.

¹ **Translator's Note:** This complete book *Kitaab al-'Ilm* has been translated into English and will be posted to the Al-Ibaanah.Com E-Book Section

² With a *fat-ha* on the Noon (An "a" after the "n"). This is an ascription to a city that was near Khuraasaan, called Nasaa. People from there ascribe themselves to it with "Naswee" also.

³ **Translator's Note:** This includes his son, Abu Bakr, Ahmad bin Abee Khaithama, may Allaah have mercy on him. He was from Baghdad. He authored the book *at-Taareekh al-Kabeer*. Ad-Daraqutnee said about him: "He was reliable and trustworthy." Al-Khateeb Al-Baghdaadee said: "He was a reliable scholar, a precise Haafidh, knowledgeable of the history of people and the narrations of poetry. He studied hadeeth under Ahmad bin Hanbal and Ibn Ma'een. He died in the month of Jumaadal-Oolaa, 289H at the age of 94 years."